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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the application as follows:

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, after the title:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/858,224, filed May 15, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1, is amended as follows:

Use of the connector assembly 10 with an IC or CPU and system for testing such ICs or CPUs will now be described. Such a system is also described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. _____, filed _____ 09/858,223, filed May 15, 2001, entitled "Floating and Self- Aligning Suspension System to Automatically Align and Attach a Connector to an Assembly" by Nader Abazarnia et al. (Attorney Docket No. 884.391US1) which is assigned to the same assignee as the present invention.

The paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3, is amended as follows:

Referring also to Figure 4 which is a detailed exploded view of the suspension system 208, a biasing arrangement 224 or mechanism is mounted to the inner frame 210 and contacts the outer frame 220 to allow the inner frame 210 to float or move independently in multiple different directions relative to the outer frame 220. The biasing arrangement 224 may include a plurality of plunger assemblies or mechanisms 400 or similar devices that permit the inner frame 210 to float within the outer frame 220. The plunger assemblies 400 are described in detail in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. _____, filed _____ 09/858,223, filed May 15, 2001, and entitled "Floating and Self-Aligning Suspension System to Automatically Align and Attach a Connector to an Assembly" by Nader Abazarnia et al. (Attorney Docket No. 884.391US1). The plunger assemblies 400 may be mounted proximate to each end of the first and second base members 212 and 214 with each plunger 408 extending

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outwardly from the inner frame 210 or in a direction substantially opposite to the stanchion members 216 to contact the outer frame 220. Plunger assemblies 400 may also be mounted on each of the stanchions 216 extending outwardly from the inner frame 210 to contact the outer frame plates 220A and 220B. Accordingly, when the inner frame 210 is inserted within the outer frame 220, the inner frame may move independently along at least two axes of motion relative to the outer frame 220.